

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

## Voting Members

Joey Manahan, Chair; Ann H. Kobayashi, Vice-Chair,  
Brandon J.C. Elefante, Ron Menor, Kymberly Marcos Pine

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Committee Meeting Held  
July 23, 2015

Honorable Ernest Y. Martin  
Chair, City Council  
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred  
Resolution 15-178:

"REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (DTS)  
TO CONDUCT A TRAFFIC STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO  
ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON NORTH SCHOOL STREET BETWEEN  
HOUGHTAILING STREET AND THE LIKELIKE HIGHWAY,"

introduced on June 16, 2015, reports as follows:

The purpose of the Resolution is to request that the DTS conduct a traffic study and make recommendations to alleviate traffic congestion on North School Street between Houghtailing Street and Likelike Highway. It further requests that DTS submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Council, no later than February 1, 2016.

Committee Chair Manahan, the introducer of the Resolution, explained that this area of concern has a great amount of traffic congestion, especially during the morning commute. The Resolution asks the DTS to focus on alleviating some of the traffic problems and make recommendations to the Council on how traffic and safety can be improved in the area.

DTS Director Formby testified in support of the Resolution, noting that the Department understands the need for a traffic study in the area and the safety issues

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involved. DTS has already initiated a robust Complete Streets Program in sixteen different neighborhood areas. Director Formby commented that he will add this North School Street area to that list for future study.

Three persons testified in support of the Resolution, including the Chair of the Liliha Neighborhood Board No. 14 and a representative of the Hawaii Bicycling League. In addition, four written testimonies were received in support of the Resolution.

Your Committee on Transportation is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 15-178 and recommends its adoption. (Ayes: Elefante, Kobayashi, Pine, Manahan – 4; Noes – None; Excused – Menor - 1.)

Respectfully submitted,



JOEY MANAHAN  
Committee Chair

At the 8/5/15 Council meeting, the Resolution was amended and subsequently adopted in the form attached hereto, as  
Resolution 15-178, FD1.

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## RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO CONDUCT A TRAFFIC STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON NORTH SCHOOL STREET BETWEEN LILIHA STREET AND THE LIKELIKE HIGHWAY.

WHEREAS, Honolulu's citizens and businesses rely on a viable roadway system for mobility and economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii Data Book found that in 2011, Honolulu commuters daily traveled 3,148,000 vehicle-miles on the City's arterial streets; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii Data Book also found that the estimated total cost of roadway congestion for the Honolulu urbanized area in 2011 was \$427 million (or \$928 per peak auto commuter); and

WHEREAS, North School Street between Liliha Street and the Likelike Highway is a particularly congested area, since several major traffic attractors and generators are located on the street segment, including the Kamehameha Shopping Center, Walgreens, the Kamehameha Schools bus terminal, Kapalama Elementary School, and Kamehameha Community Park; and

WHEREAS, other significant traffic attractors and generators in the vicinity include Kamehameha Schools Kapalama, Farrington High School, Damien Memorial School, the Bishop Museum, the Likelike Highway, and H-1 Freeway entrances and exits; and

WHEREAS, traffic congestion on North School Street between Liliha Street and the Likelike Highway needs to be remedied to shorten commute times, allow residents a better quality of life, and reduce traffic congestion economic costs; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Department of Transportation Services is requested to conduct a traffic study and make recommendations to alleviate traffic congestion on North School Street between Liliha Street and the Likelike Highway; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation Services is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Council no later than February 1, 2016; and



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No. 15-178, FD1

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## RESOLUTION

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation Services, the Mayor, and the Managing Director.

INTRODUCED BY:

Joey Manahan

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

June 16, 2015  
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Councilmembers